

Food and Nutrition Service, USDA

§ 254.5

(vii) Conduct on-site reviews of certification and distribution procedures and practices.

(2) FNS shall make a determination of potential ITO capability within 60 days of receipt of a completed application for the Food Distribution Program. FNS may, however, extend the period for determination of ITO capability if FNS finds that a given ITO's eligibility under §254.3 is difficult to establish.

(3) FNS shall, if requested by an ITO which has been determined by FNS to be potentially capable of administering a Food Distribution Program, provide the ITO's designees with appropriate training and technical assistance to prepare the ITO to take over program administration. In determining what training and technical assistance are necessary, FNS shall consult with the ITO and other sources, such as the BIA.

(c) *Most capable tribe.* In cases where two or more applicant tribe(s) have overlapping boundaries, FNS shall select the tribe most capable of admin-

istering a FDP within that service area.

(The information collection requirements contained in paragraph (a) were approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 0584-0316)

§ 254.5 Household eligibility.

(a) *Certification procedures.* All applicant households shall be certified in accordance with the eligibility and certification provisions in §253.6 and §253.7.

(b) *Urban places.* No household living in an urban place in Oklahoma shall be eligible for the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations. However, an ITO can request the Department to grant individual exemptions from this limitation upon proper justification submitted by the ITO as determined by FNS.

(c) *Eligible households.* Only Indian tribal households, as defined in §254.2, may be eligible for the Food Distribution Program in FNS service areas.

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